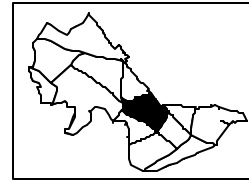


NEIGHBORHOOD 6

MID-CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street, the Somerville border, Kirkland Street, Quincy Street, and Cambridge Street

POPULATION: 13,285 residents
5,989 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,075

Neighborhood #6 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers) and 6R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 6A, 6B, 6C, and Harvard 15

COMPARISON OF 2ND Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	18	31	43	56	29
Street Robbery	2	8	5	5	7
Auto Theft	12	18	24	14	19
Larceny from MVs	50	33	52	55	33
Malicious Destruction	37	43	52	64	40
Drug Arrests	7	8	8	5	3

2003 SECOND QUARTER IN REVIEW

Three of the seven **street robberies** thus far took place in the second quarter. Two of the incidents were violent in nature; one entailed the use of a handgun and the second involved a youth being threatened with a knife for money and marijuana. The latter of the incidents resulted in the arrest of two Cambridge residents. Earlier in the year, the most significant robbery incident was a carjacking that took place at gunpoint by two masked individuals. • A quarter of the reported **housebreaks** in first half of the year were attempts, with no successful entry. Rather than hotspots developing for housebreaks in this neighborhood, a lot of incidents have involved multiple and repeated breaks in one apartment or condo building. There are six documented localities where this has been the trend these first six months. There were also two incidents in which the offender propped a chair/ladder against the side of the house to enter through a window. Laptops were the most targeted property in these breaks. • The repeat locations for **auto thefts** were located along the 800 block of Massachusetts Avenue and on Clinton and Ellery Streets. Twelve of the nineteen stolen autos have been recovered. • In addition to the typically targeted Hondas, Audis were hot targets for **larcenies from motor vehicles**, with headlights and hubcaps being removed from the exterior of the vehicles. The other hot property in this neighborhood was stereos, particularly Pioneer systems. Trowbridge Street and Roberts Road were locations of multiple incidents. • Approximately two thirds of the **malicious destruction of property** incidents so far this year took place during the second quarter. A good number of these incidents can be accounted for by a spree of tire slashings on May 23rd, when twelve cars' tires were slashed during the early morning hours. The remaining incidents involved various methods of vandalism to motor vehicles, with five attempted auto thefts so far this year. • All three of

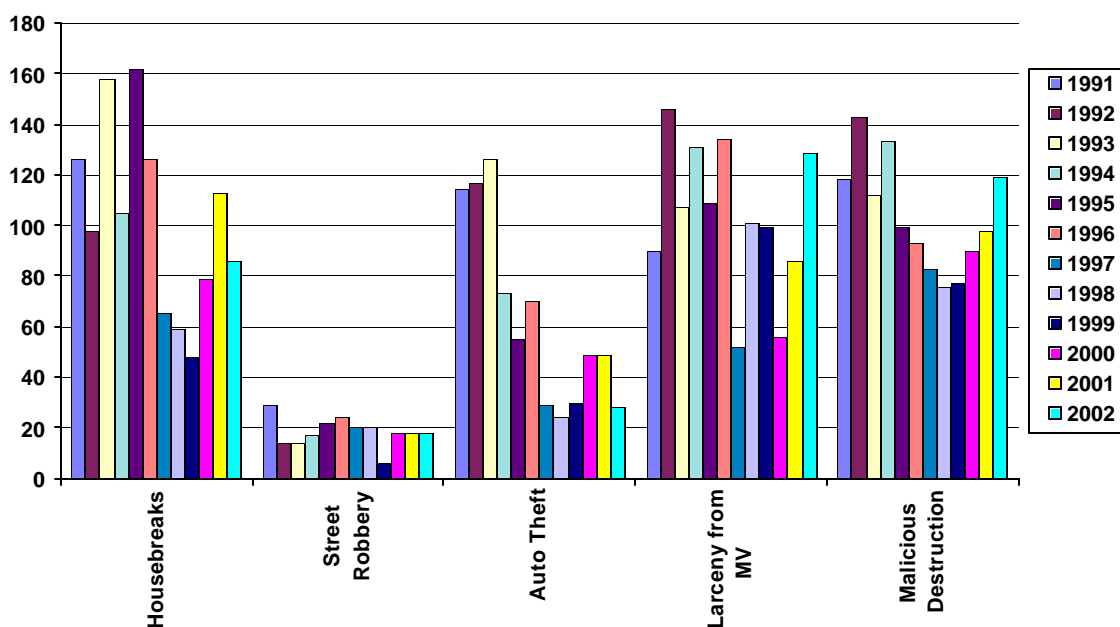
the **drug arrests** were for possession of marijuana, which was found while the individual was being arrested for unrelated offenses.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Mid-Cambridge is a busy neighborhood. In addition to the highest population of any neighborhood in Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge also has the city's largest high school (Cambridge Rindge & Latin), the Jackson Gardens residential complex, a good portion of Harvard University, and our own City Hall. It is bordered by the major thoroughways of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners.

Because of the large number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher than average rate for several crimes. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the western part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- **Residential Burglary** is naturally highest in a neighborhood with the largest number of residences. Though the rate of this crime has been cut in half since the 1980s, it still remains a serious problem. In 1992, burglaries fell below 100 for the first and only time in the previous 30 years. The largest clusters appear on Harvard Street between Prospect and Lee Streets, on Broadway between Lee and Ellery Streets, around the Massachusetts Avenue/Hancock Street intersection, on the lower half of Trowbridge Street, and on Lee Street. Mid-Cambridge also ranks high in **Larceny from motor vehicles** and the related crimes of **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**. The Cambridge Police Department strives to reduce both crimes through preventive patrol efforts, "Park and Walks," and priority investigation. Its 50 percent drop since the 1980s bespeaks some success.
- **Street robbery** is surprisingly low in Mid-Cambridge given its population. Most of the incidents that do occur happen on Massachusetts Avenue, on Cambridge Street, and in Inman Square.
- The high amount of pedestrian traffic on Massachusetts Avenue leads to a large number of **bicycle thefts** each year, particularly in or near Harvard Square.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	226	1	103	1	1
Street Robbery	49	3	18	5	3
Auto Theft	147	4	70	3	8
Larceny from MVs	198	1	106	2	1
Malicious Destruction	149	1	106	5	3

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest